

ACAYUCAN STREET MINISTRY:

God is moving on the “drunks” of Acayucan. Horacio and his wife, after a year of ministering to “drunks” in their area are finally getting their local body of Christ to participate with them in this street ministry. This month we were joined by Mike Even and his son Malachi of Folsom and Mike and Mary Calva of Minnesota. We found two different groups in town. We fed them both coffee, sandwiches and the Word of God. Both seemed to be very receptive. We are offering all those interested, an opportunity to change their habits and current way of life by getting to know our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ while being cared for at the rehabilitation center in San Cristobal de las Casas, in the state of Chiapas, which is over 10 hours south of here. We are scheduled to make this trip on April 22-24 to bring all those who wish to make this lifetime decision. Angel, a former drunk, came with us this day to be a witness of the goodness of God and to show his fellow “drinking buddies” that God is more than able to change a man. Angel successfully spent 4 months at this center and told Karen later that he felt sad to see his “friends” in their drunken state. He now knows a better way of living than being drunk and on the cold and dirty streets of Acayucan. Praise God He cares enough to change each and every one of us IF we allow HIM to. Please pray for Pat and Pastor Horacio as they transport the men to a better way of life. Pat will do some film evangelism while in this area too. So please say an added prayer for his protection and provision for the trip.

MARCH SHOWERS BRING GODLY GUESTS:

As the old saying goes, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. We found this to be true this year as the beginning of the month was filled with houseguests from Monterrey, Mexico and Folsom, Louisiana and the end of the month we celebrated the Resurrection of the Passover Lamb on March 31st. Pam and Glenn Ducote, who currently live in El Carmen, and who are from our home church in Folsom, Louisiana; came down to visit us for a week. With them came some new friends Carol Mayor and her daughter, Adrienne, missionaries serving the Monterrey area. We enjoyed their company. It was like a fresh breath of air to be able to share our home with other believers. We were all touched as Glenn shared his testimony with the folks in La Barra. Mike Even and four of his sons accompanied him on a recent visit here. They were missionaries in this area of the state of Veracruz some 3 years ago. They had a prosperous time sharing in the newness of God with Pastors Goyo and Julia of El Real and Pastors Reyes and Silvia of La Barra. They spent about a week and a half visiting the two churches. Beaux and Mike Even's sons, Malachi, Nathan, and Joshua donned clown costumes and makeup and entertained the kids at Buenos Aires, (a colonial of San Andres Tuxtla) for a time before the film showing later that night. The local kids were pretty rowdy this night as they threw pebbles and stones at the clowns as they defended themselves against the water balloons being hurled at them by the clowns. A good time in the Lord was had by all this night and everyone walked away unharmed.

FILM EVANGELISM:

Upon our return to San Andres Tuxtla, we felt impressed of the Lord to concentrate on this area this year. In the past couple of years, Pat has worked on the outskirts of this town. This is the year to focus on San Andres and its local habitation. Like most big cities, San Andres is subdivided into smaller communities called Colonias or Colonial. On January 6, 2002, while still on furlough, Bill Johnson prophesied that this would be a year of revisiting the vision and there was going to be new strategies and multiplication. We have already begun to see this take place.

Pat started the month of March off by holding weekly meetings focusing on prayer and strategizing how to evangelism the unbelievers in this town. Participation has been minimal but those God sent are the ones we want to work with to further HIS kingdom. They meet once in the mornings to prayer walk the area scheduled for the film campaign that week and hand out invitations door to door inviting the people to attend. Then they come together at night to discuss strategies of how they will reach that area and plan for the next place of action. The first campaign of the month was in the Colonial Benito Juarez where no evangelical church exists. It's a small area consisting of maybe 60 families. Seventeen salvations and 2 families were born into the kingdom of God this night.

One night, Pat set the screen up in front of a church in the Colonial Las Meridas, a town of about 400 families here in San Andres. The houses are made of sticks and boards that are covered with palm thatched roofs. He showed the Jesus Film on Good Friday and had an altar call following the film showing. Five people came forward to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives. While we were praying for these 5, a truck began blowing his horn. The sound kept approaching them. Pat looked up and noticed the truck was coming immediately went to move the projector because he saw the man was determined to continue in

their path. He started to take down his new speaker when it fell. The speakers were connected by a strand of lights. When one was pulled to safety, the other one fell off its stand before Pat could reach it. The man lives next to the church and had been drinking. He was in a very foul mood this particular night. Praise God the speakers seem to be unharmed. Pray God will touch his heart the next time a film is shown by his house.

Pat is training Alberto, a man Pat has been discipling, to use the projector. They have begun to show films in two different locations multiplying the witness factor. Please pray for more Joshuas and laborers to join the witnessing team.

CVD BIBLE SCHOOL:

We were given the entire International Bible curriculum on CVD with the player so we can begin the Bible School next month. It used to be on video and we have and have used several of the videos to teach on various topics, but with modern technology, they have been able to put the whole school on CVD's. They travel easier and have over 30 different language test forms on one CVD. They don't run the risk of getting mildewed. We have lost over 50 videos due to the humid climate temperatures. Our most recent loss were two of the Jesus films.

There are 5 tri-semesters of 12 weeks each. Upon completion of this course, the students will receive a diploma and will take approximately 1 year 2 months to complete. Please believe with us that God will send everyone He wishes to learn more of the word of God not just the Pastors and leaders of the churches. This curriculum has some wonderful teachers of the word like, Joyce Meyers, Willie George, Larry Stockstill, Ed Cole, and many more. It will be the only accredited Bible school within 3 hours of here. Our Mexican missionary friend, Eligio, whom we have mentioned often, is using the same CVD bible school up in the mountains of Valle de Uxpanapan. It has proven to be very successful.

We wish to use this means of instruction to disciple God's chosen people. Please agree with us that He will put the hunger in the people to learn of HIS word so they can be equipped and sent forth to preach the good news to the nations.

ENGLISH CLASS:

Karen began to teach English classes on March 5th. She currently has over 25 students attending regularly with more arriving each week. Many are eager to learn her native tongue and arrive early. They are found waiting outside Casa de Gloria waiting for the doors to be opened. This is such a breath of fresh air to see teens and young adults alike, wanting to learn, some after putting in a full day's work, while others having gone to school all day. She will begin a new class with youngsters 7 to 10 years old in April. Please pray God will give her witty ideas to teach the kids because the materials she has are for 12 years old to 90. The curriculum is two fold. One is to teach English, and the other is to move people toward a personal relationship with Christ. The usage of the scriptures to teach the English language is where the students will learn the Bible's Scriptural truths. The readings from the Bible are primarily for spiritual impact and secondary for language growth. Pray that God will use this as an opportunity to reach the "lost" of San Andres Tuxtla and teach them of HIS love while providing them an opportunity of advancement in their culture..

BIBLES:

Eligio recently came to visit us asking if we had a small Bible for a young indigenous teenager who lives in the mountains of Uxpanapan. He's from an ethnic group called Chinanteco. He speaks and reads Spanish very well. He had been desiring a Bible for over 5 months. It made him very happy. We wish to thank Pastor Ron Reid and his church, Verbo, in Gretna again, for giving of their own Spanish bibles. They are a blessing to the people here in Mexico. The word of God goes forth!!

APRIL 27, 2002 MARCH FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST:

Well, it all started with a Pastor named Raul Gomez Lecomia. He's the only Baptist Pastor in this town and surrounding area. He's been coming to our weekly Wednesday night meetings on unity and evangelism based on Psalms 133. He had a vision to have a march for Glory. He wanted to unite the evangelical churches. Pastor Raul is new to this area only having lived here for two years. He spoke up the first night of the meetings and shared how the evangelical church has been at war with themselves for way too long now.

He sees how hard it is to get the area churches to work together. The unbelievers see the churches argue over doctrine and want no part of the Christian circles. We work with several denominations in this area that believe Jesus is Lord and have found this to be very true. We believe that when we can come together in unity and pray over the strongholds of this area, putting aside all religious barriers, Jesus will move upon this area and change will take place. Please pray with us as we work with the local pastors and churches in this area. Rumors have already reached our ears from some of the local Pastors. They have been asked not to work with the “demonic gringo.” It only proves we are on the right track when the demons themselves are getting nervous.

Yes Lord!

Grace Harbor Family Church in Folsom donated a couple banners to our ministry while we were home the first of the month. They will be used to uphold the name of Jesus as we march throughout the streets of San Andres claiming every step we take for HIS Glory and for HIS kingdom.

HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY BEAUX!! APRIL 15TH. We love you Mom and Dad.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Karen is in need of pre-school or elementary teaching materials such as Sing, Spell, Read and Write programs, book, coloring books, **videos**, etc.. that teach kids how to read and write the ABC's and 1,2,3's, colors, and shapes. Sesame Street or Richard Scary are good examples of teaching videos.

Pray for Pat's protection as he divides up the film equipment into two teams so they can go forth and witness. His travels are always at night. Pray for sufficient electricity to run the equipment and a hedge of protection around him as he's about HIS Father's business.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Every Sunday we hold or attend church service in La Barra and/or El Real.

Every Monday night film evangelism in Cabada.

Karen teaches 5 different classes every Monday and Friday.

Schedule of the film evangelism campaigns set for the month of April in the San Andres Tuxtla area :

April 5 & 6 Col. Belen Grande

April 11, 12, & 13 Col Emiliano Zapata

April 22, 23, & 24. Chiapas trip to take the “drunks” to a rehab. facility. Film evangelism on the 23rd.

April 25, 26, and 27 Col Nueva Belen Grande

Film campaign in Acayucan with Pastor Carlos on the 18th & 19th

April 27th at 9:00am will be a March for Glory of Christ which will take place on the streets of the city and end up at the town square in front of the seat of the towns' government which is also next to the main Catholic Church.